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House Resolution 1444

By: Representatives Collins of the 95th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 93rd, Mangham of the 94th, Ralston of the 7th, Jordan of the 77th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Declaring Wednesday, February 17, 2010, as Lupus Awareness Day at the state capitol; and
- 2 for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, on Wednesday, February 17, 2010, Representative Toney Collins and the
- 4 Georgia Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America will host Lupus Awareness Day at the
- 5 state capitol; and
- 6 WHEREAS, lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease that attacks the body's cells and tissues,
- 7 resulting in inflammation, pain, and tissue damage; and
- 8 WHEREAS, at least 1.5 million Americans, including approximately 55,000 Georgians, are
- 9 currently living with lupus; and
- 10 WHEREAS, lupus is a major health issue that has a significant impact on the economy of
- 11 this state and takes an immeasurable physical, financial, and emotional toll on many families
- in Georgia; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the effects of lupus on a family can be devastating in that it is a chronic,
- 14 lifelong, and life-threatening disease, and despite its prevalence, it remains one of the least
- 15 recognizable and most misunderstood diseases; and
- 16 WHEREAS, lupus affects primarily young women in their crucial childbearing years, but it
- 17 can also affect men, children, and women of all ages; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the Lupus Foundation of America is the nation's leading nonprofit voluntary
- 19 health organization, dedicated to finding the causes and a cure for lupus while providing
- 20 support and services to all people affected by lupus; and

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21 WHEREAS, 90 percent of every dollar raised by the Georgia Chapter of the Lupus

- 22 Foundation of America stays in Georgia to support the chapter's programs; and
- 23 WHEREAS, the Lupus Foundation of America provides resources for thousands of patients
- 24 and families, including support and information, physician referrals, public and professional
- 25 education, and grassroots advocacy on the state and federal level.
- 26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 27 the members of this body commend the work of the Lupus Foundation of America and other
- 28 organizations devoted to finding a cure for lupus and to supporting the individuals and
- 29 families whose lives are affected by this autoimmune disease and declare Wednesday,
- February 17, 2010, as Lupus Awareness Day at the state capitol.
- 31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Chapter of the
- 33 Lupus Foundation of America.